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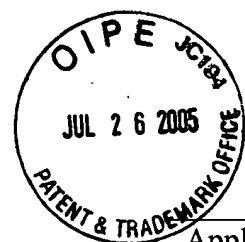
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE

Sir:

Applicants have received the Interview Summary mailed June 23, 2005, in the above-identified application. In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.133 and MPEP §713.04, Applicants hereby submit a Statement of Substance of Examiner Interview as required.

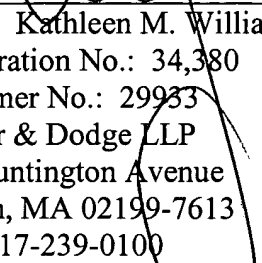
During the telephonic interview held on June 22, 2005 between Examiner Joseph T. Voitach and Applicants' attorney Barbara A. Gyure, the following issues were discussed:

Applicants were contacted and informed that the amendments to the claims under examination are allowed (as indicated in the advisory action). It was indicated that the Examiner would like to rejoin a method claim previously withdrawn because it was commensurate in scope for use of the sequences and/or probes of the allowed claims. Minor changes to claim 35 were suggested by the Examiner to make it more active and clearly relate back to the preamble of the claim. Applicants indicated that the proposed amendment is acceptable and that it could be entered as an Examiner's amendment.

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